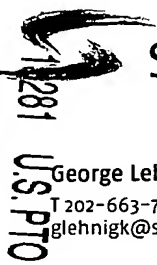


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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising nine (9) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and 3 references.

Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

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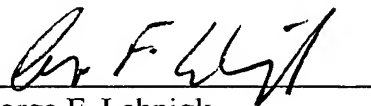
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